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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This is in response to the final rejection mailed January 13, 2004 and follows a telephone interview between the undersigned attorney and examiners Kathryn Odland and S.P.E Henry Bennett. The courtesy of the that interview is appreciated.

Please amend the application as forth below.